(e) Due to the policy of non-proliferations of arms, the passengers cannot be allowed the import of arms and ammunition.

Improving infrastructure along Indo-China border

2394. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finally initiated action to improve border infrastructure along the frontier with China and projects worth over Rs. 900 crore has been cleared;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has also submitted a proposal to the Environment and Forest Ministry for clearance of some projects since some projects pass through dense forests;

(c) whether Indo-China border gained momentum after a delegation witnessed the condition in Arunachal Pradesh two years ago; and

(d) if so, by what time these projects are likely to be completed and total expenses incurred?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) The Government has approved construction of 27 road links along India-China border at an estimated cost of Rs. 912.00 crore.

(b) The Government has simultaneously initiated action for obtaining forest and environmental clearances wherever required.

(c) Upgradation of infrastructure along borders is continuously reviewed.

(d) These road link projects are expected to be completed by the year 2012-13. An amount of Rs. 3.16 crore has been released to the executing agencies for the preliminary works.

Supreme Court's directive on police reforms

2395. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court on 12th January directed all States and Union Territories to implement its orders on police reforms within four weeks or face contempt proceedings refusing to accept the objections raised by States, who sought further extension of the December 31, 2006 deadline;

(b) whether Supreme Court made it clear that police reforms cannot be delayed any more;

(c) whether Government have issued any direction to the State Governments to implement the police reforms as directed by the Supreme Court; and

(d) if so, what is the latest position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) In Civil writ petition No. 310 of 1996 in the matter of Prakash Singh and others *Vs* Union of India and others the Supreme Court of India had on 22nd September, 2006 issued directions to the States/Union Territories *inter-alia* with regard to the setting up of State Security Commissions, selection methodology and minimum tenure of DGP and other key police functionaries, separation of investigation wing from law and order wing initially in towns/urban areas having population of ten lakhs or more, and setting up of Police Complaints Authorities at the State and District levels and directed to file the affidavits of compliance by 3rd January 2007. These directions were communicated to the State Governments and Union Territories for necessary action. The case came up for hearing on 11th January, 2007 (not on 12th January, 2007). The Hon'ble Court upon consideration of the Affidavits *inter-alia* by States/ Union Territories directed that the directions relating to selection methodology and minimum tenure of Director General of Police and other key police functionaries and setting up of Police establishment Board be complied with within four weeks and the remaining directions by 31st March, 2007 positively and requisite affidavits of compliance be filed by 10th April, 2007. Union Government filed an application on February 12, 2007 seeking certain directions by way of clarifications/ modifications of the orders dated 22.9.2006 and 11.1.2007 on behalf of the Union Territories as they are under the control of Ministry of Home Affairs. The application is yet to be heard by the Supreme Court.

Serials on women life on Doordarshan

2396. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of serials telecast on Doordarshan National Channel daily dealing with women life;

(b) whether such serials have been effectively successful to introduce the problems, women face in their daily life;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons for granting such long serials on Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Details of serials telecast on Doordarshan National Channel daily dealing with women life are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Women oriented programmes/serials telecast on Doordarshan have been very successful in dealing with women welfare. These are women oriented and are not only entertaining but also aim to solve women's day to day problems, and improve legal awareness of their right *vis-a-vis* duties.

(d) Does not arise.